

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding the  
Implementation of the Suspension of Direct  
Access Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1X and  
Decision 01-09-060.

Rulemaking 02-01-011  
(Filed January 9, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING SCHEDULE  
FOR PROTESTS TO ADVICE LETTER 2483-E-A**

This ruling is issued in response to a letter sent on September 26, 2005, by legal counsel for the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) to Assigned Commissioner Geoffrey Brown and assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Thomas Pulsifer seeking an expedited ruling or letter to require the most recent Advice Letter filing of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) regarding municipal departing load (MDL) to conform to the process established in the September 20, 2005 ALJ ruling. CMUA also served a copy of the letter on parties to the service list in this proceeding.

In the September 20, 2005 ruling, the due date for protests to PG&E's previous Advice Letter 2433-E-C on MDL issues was deferred pending receipt and review of comments in response to CMUA's letter. PG&E then filed a second MDL Advice Letter which prompted CMUA's second letter.

CMUA states in its second letter that the concerns raised in its previous letter on this subject are equally valid here. CMUA previously requested an extension in time for the filing of protests to PG&E's Advice Letter to coincide

with protests of other investor-owned utilities advice letter filings. CMUA argued, however, that before filing an advice letter, PG&E had been directed by previous ALJ rulings to wait for subsequent action by the Commission on relevant issues relating to the billing, collection, and accounting of cost responsibility surcharge (CRS) revenue for MDL customers. CMUA asks therefore that the deadline for protests on PG&E's most recent MDL advice letter be temporarily deferred subject to the same process previously set forth in the September 20, 2005 ALJ ruling.

**Discussion**

The due date for protests to the PG&E Advice Letter 2483-E-A shall be temporarily suspended pending the opportunity for other parties to respond to the proposal in the CMUA letter. Responses shall be due by September 28, 2005. A further ruling regarding the issues raised in the CMUA letter shall be issued after receipt of parties' responses.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The schedule is temporarily suspended for the filing of protests to PG&E's Advice Letter 2483-E-A.
2. Parties seeking to respond to the proposal in the CMUA letter shall do so by September 28, 2005.
3. A further ruling regarding the issues raised in the CMUA letter shall be issued after receipt of parties' responses.

Dated September 27, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Thomas R. Pulsifer  
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Thomas R. Pulsifer  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Temporarily Suspending Schedule for Protests to Advice Letter 2483-E-A on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 27, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen  
Antonina V. Swansen

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